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The Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection

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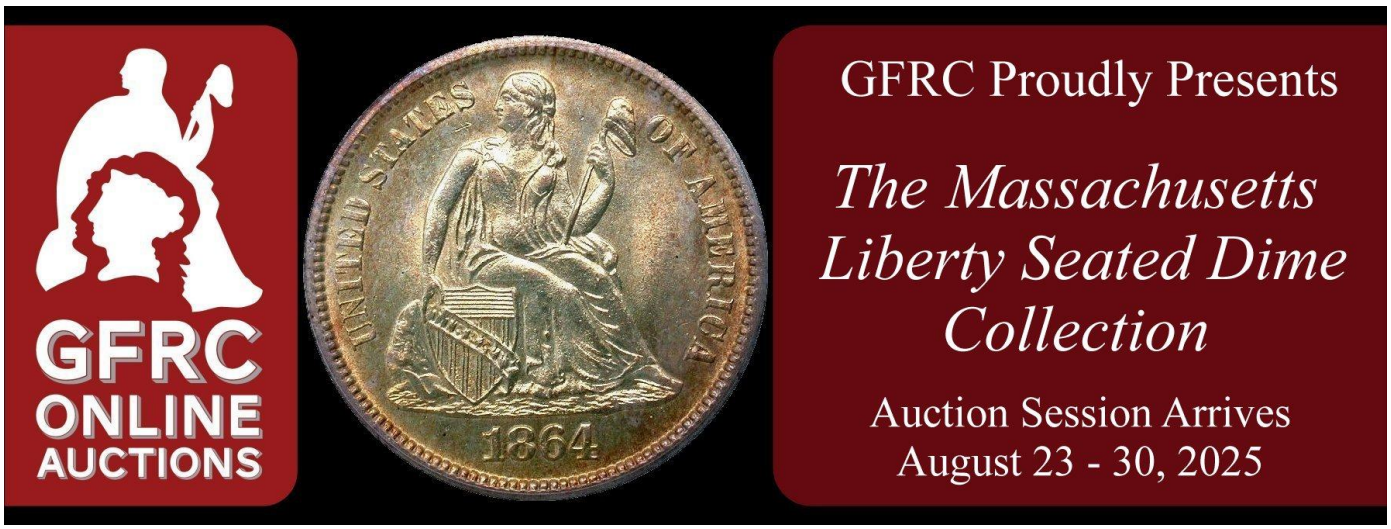

GFRC is pleased to be offering The Massachusetts Collection, a top-rated Liberty Seated Dime collection that has been a multi-decade project with guidance by Gerry Fortin. The friendship with Tom Coulombe dates to the mid-1990s whereby Fortin duplicates would be placed into the Coulombe collection. Over 30 years, the collection has expanded and attained top registry level status as our consignor plied the entire numismatic realm for incremental upgrading. Many plate coins from The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference are returning to the market via this collection sale.

Good luck to the Liberty Seated coinage community as there will be substantial demand for these lots. Please bid often and aggressively as this is a truly noteworthy auction event.

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1837 No Stars, Large Date F-101a 10C, PCGS MS63, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1837 brought the first year of Christian Gobrecht's Liberty Seated design to the half dime and dime denominations. For dimes, a single large date die pair was used for proof and circulation strike. Large-dated business strikes will be found with a consistent 23-degree clockwise rotation as is the case for this early die-state example. All motifs are deeply impressed with no traces of later progressive die cracks and repunching on the 7 digit. Steely fields are consistent on both sides with accentuated gold in the obverse right field. Partial wire rims are present with some rim cuds on the obverse. Rose and gold hues are evident under a bright. A delightful lot for an early type set or other collecting objectives. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4561.

1837 No Stars, Small Date F-103 10C, PCGS AU58, Near-Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Mottled gray shades and light gold hues grace the obverse of this 1837 Small Date dime while the reverse toning is limited to peripheral gold. Brilliant, frosted luster is predominant under a bright light with light rub on the high points. Fully struck as is typical for the initial year of No Stars Philadelphia dime production. Light chatter in the right obverse field precludes are higher quality rating. F-103 with 7 digit point between two denticles and the reverse rotated left 5 degrees. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4562.

1838-O No Stars F-102,10C, PCGS AU58, Old Time Originality & Color, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Initial New Orleans dime coinage took place during 1838 with a single obverse die paired with two reverse dies. A total of 406,034 pieces were struck. As a result, the obverse die can be in a heavily eroded die state while striking the last of the year's mintage. This Massachusetts Collection lot is the second die pairing with the reverse also being well worn. A richly toned example with grayish-blue shades that shift to gold-gray toning at the centers. A well-struck example, with slight weakness at the shield stripes. Surfaces are finely grained or "textured" due to heavily eroded dies as always seen for the F-102 variety. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) Gold Shield holder. Ex. Twin Lakes Collection via GFRC October 2020. PCGS #4564.

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1838 No Drapery, Large Stars F-105 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Reverse Die Flaw, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. This1838 F-105 reverse die flaw example is an unquestionable gem with intense frosty luster decorated with rose-gold coloring. Cartwheels sizzle with the slightest holder rotation during bright light inspection. A hammered strike and pristine surfaces enhance the eye appeal. This lot sports an important legacy as the F-105 plate coin within The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. CAC has approved 125 in all grades with 28 finer. CAC pricing is $1950 in MS64 and jumping to $3150 at the full gem level. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Gerry Fortin Reference Collection and previously sold May 2021. PCGS #4568.

1838 No Drapery, Small Stars F-101a 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. The ratio of 1838 Large Stars vs. Small Stars dimes is historical titled towards Large Stars as only a single die pairing was employed for the smaller stars strikes. The Small Stars obverse is paired with a boldly doubled reverse die at (O)NE (D)IME and the left wreath. This lot is an ideal example of the variety given the concentric obverse coloration and aquamarine-gold reverse. Natural frosted luster is consistent throughout regardless of the thick patination. Mark free surfaces and the overall presentation secured a GFRC-Gem rating. The CAC census is limited to 30 approved in all grades with the price guide assessing fair market value at $825 which is under stated. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4569.

1838 Partial Drapery F-108a 10C, PCGS AU50 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection Collection. Well preserved surfaces and crusty patina are the highlights of the choice 1838 Partial Drapery dime. Thick gray-ebony patina covers the obverse while the reverse features brownish-red shades. Die clashing is pronounced on both sides. At this point, sophisticated collectors recognize that the "partial drapery" is actual a heavy die clash on the obverse die with corresponding clashing on the reverse. The overall strike is deeply impressed and well executed. Unabraded surfaces are worthy of a GFRC-Choice quality rating. Previously sold in June 2019 via GFRC without CAC approval and subsequently stickered. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2011-2013) holder with CAC Approval. PCGS #4570.

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1839-O No Drapery F-102 10C, PCGS MS63, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Swirling cartwheels and brilliant frosted luster are pleasingly apparent when placing this choice 1839 dime under angled lighting. The overall presentation is stunning with a light blue obverse arc transitioning into rose-gold. Center rose-gold is framed by the same light blue shades on the reverse leading to notable eye appeal. F-102, as struck with an 1838 reverse previously clashed and listed as the "partial drapery" die variety. Like all the Massachusetts Collection Seated dime, this lot has been reviewed at CAC and was not stickered, leaving your cataloger with some head scratching. A few subtle hair lines in the right obverse field are noted but of no consequence. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #4571.

1839-O No Drapery F-106a 10C, PCGS MS61 CAC, Cobweb Shattered Reverse, Interim Die State, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The 1839 New Orleans dime issue is quite scarce in Mint State condition and will require considerable patience and searching towards securing a premium example. This lot makes its fourth GFRC appearance via the Massachusetts Collection as serving as a commendable representative in several other collections. A richly frosted example that is completely struck with all device details deeply impressed. A large die crack encircles the reverse wreath and serves to easily facilitate the Cobweb Shattered Reverse attribution, in an intermediate die state. Fields exhibit scattered ticks consistent with the certified grade. F-106a, and entry #13 in the Top 100 Variety set. The CAC census stands at 71 pieces approved in all grades with a price guide value at $1250 as graded. Freshly reholdered into a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Gerry Fortin Seated Dime Reference Collection. PCGS #4572.

1840 No Drapery F-108 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Over the years of researching the Seated dime series, it has been noted that the 1840 Philadelphia dies were weakly hubbed as a rule as compared to the prior two years with the F-108 obverse being in noticeable low relief. I'm quite impressed with this near-gem Mint State example for several reasons. The soft satiny radiance is readily evident along with vibrant cartwheels under the office lamp. Superior to the Liberty Seated dime web-book plate coin in detail and overall presentation. The date brings a lower CAC census at 52 in all grades with ten finer and a guide price at $1950 for reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4573.

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1840-O F-106a 10C, PCGS AU58, Medium O, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The 1840-O dime becomes conditionally rare in higher grades, with just 12 Mint State pieces reported by PCGS in nearly 40 years of operation. The PCGS price guide reflects the challenging nature of AU and MS pieces, with the value accelerating from $600 in EF40 to $8,250 in MS60. This example reveals frosty, silver-gray coloration with light gold patina and brilliant radiance under a bright light. F-106a, a single medium-O die pair with star 11 repunched and a die crack through the E in STATES. The strike is better than typically seen for this issue, with the reverse legend well-defined. The PCGS price guide value in AU58 is $5,750. This is one of the best medium-O examples ever handled by GFRC and the #16 entry on the Top-100 Varieties list. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #4574.

1840 With Drapery F-101 10C, PCGS EF45 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1840 brought the final year of the beloved Gobrecht No Drapery design and a transition to the new With Drapery Sully/Gobrecht design towards the end of year. Few of the new design type were saved by East Coast collectors. As a result, the 1840 Drapery design is very scarce in circulated grades and rare in Mint State. The CAC population exemplifies this as the current census 32 pieces. Nearly all are clustered at the VG10 through EF40 grades. Bidders should seriously consider this EF45 specimen that has been approved with no AU50/AU53 examples stickered. Natural deep gray patina reveals embedded orange under a bright light. Surfaces are unabraded and quite pleasing. The Massachusetts specimen is the second of the two CAC EF45 examples handled by GFRC with this lot being the superior of the two and deserving aggressive bidding. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4578.

1841 F-107a 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Steely-frosted luster is readily apparent along with active cartwheels leading to superb eye appeal. The 1841 Philadelphia date is far from rare, but this Massachusetts Collection example excels in terms of eye appeal and would be a welcomed inclusion into series set. Speckled ebony and aquamarine shades decorate the obverse in a peripheral manner while the reverse is mostly light gold. If handled as a regular GFRC price list item, a JUST BUY IT NOW recommendation would be assigned as I'm quite impressed with the value and conservative grading. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4579.

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1841-o F-114 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Small O, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Moderate golden-gray shades are consistently draped across steely-frosted surfaces. A bold obverse strike presents deep center star points and fully formed motifs. The reverse is similar other than the bow knot. Surfaces are nearly pristine and pleasing under a 10x. Accurately graded and unquestionably original. F-114, with small-O and a die defect between (O)F and the rim. The CAC census is 59 approved with eight finer. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Previously sold into the Massachusetts Collection July 2015. PCGS #4580.

1842 F-107 10C, Lone PCGS MS65+ CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Thick frosted luster originates from thoroughly well-preserved surfaces while the strike is razor sharp for With Stars Philadelphia issue. This 1845 gem offering will be difficult to surpass in a date and mintmark initiative. Faint crusty silver-gold overlays the obverse with center sky blue surrounded by golden hues on the reverse. Advanced collectors should open their wallets and aggressively pursue this premium lot. F-107, with reverse die lines through U(N)ITED. The lone MS65+ graded example at PCGS and well within the CAC condition census with only three finer. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4581.

1842-O F-105 10C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Ex. Pittman Collection, an important pedigree to consider when evaluating this gem 1842 New Orleans dime. Locating 1842, 1843 and 1845 New Orleans struck dimes in choice AU or better is a multi-year challenge. New Orleans mint coinage circulated heavily in the deep south with surviving choice. This 1842-O example brings exceptional eye appeal. Surfaces are strictly original with semi transparent olive-gray on the obverse and bullseye gold and blue toning rings that frame a rose-gray center. Under bright light, the residual luster is readily apparent and exposes all rainbow colors. Strike is complete with rounded stars and complete veins on the reverse wreath leaves. Blemish free and wholesome for the certified grade. The CAC price guide stands at $1500 for reference. Freshly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4582.

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1843 F-104 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1843 Philadelphia strikes are relatively available in circulated and lower Mint State grades. Near-gem examples of this date become quite scarce with limited auction appearances. The Massachusetts specimen offers exceptional originality and CAC approval. High on the eye appeal scale with a fully executed strike, satiny luster, and undoubtedly original toning that consists of mint-gold, rose and aquamarine hues. Late die state F-104 with no repunching on the 8 digit. Ex. Newtown Collection and belonging in another advanced Liberty Seated dime collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4583.

1843-O F-101 10C, PCGS EF45 CAC, Rare Grade, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. One of the many highlights of the Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection is the 1843 New Orleans piece. Astute collectors understand this date's rarity in EF through AU when full choice as any Mint State example is extremely rare. Now is the opportunity to achieve a premier example with a GFRC-Gem rating for its incredible originality and overall presentation. Images accurately illustrate the natural coin gray surfaces with light gold and the rims. Surfaces are essentially pristine, and the strike is complete, Worthy of aggressive bidding as opportunities of this kind are infrequent to the market. The CAC census reports 27 in all grades, but the key point is that there are only three finer. The CAC price guide stands at $5500 but is outdated based on other GFRC Online Auction sales results. A visit to the Sales Archives is necessary to properly research current value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4584.

1844 F-102 10C, PCGS EF40 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1844 dimes may be considered moderately scarce in circulated grades up through VF but become quite challenging in EF or better and very rare in Mint State. This example is accurately graded with in hand gray-brown-gold patination. Under bright light, golden highlights surrounded the stars and reverse legend. Strike is hammered and surfaces are blemish free. The CAC census indicates 69 stickered in all grades and a price guide value at $1150. Previously from the Saw Mill Run Collection and sold into the Massachusetts Collection December 2016. Freshly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4585.

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1845 F-105b 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A potential "sleeper" for the With Stars design hub, 1845 Philadelphia strikes remain challenging in Mint State. Uniformly frosted surfaces retain a light greenish-gold patination with comparable luster under a bright light. The strike is deeply impressed resulting in high relief motifs. F-105b, with crossing die cracks at STAT(E)S. Total approved at CAC stands at 44 with a price guide value st $1300 as reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) D.L.Hansen pedigree holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4586.

1845-O F-101 10C, PCGS EF45 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. One of the most original higher circulated grade 1845-O examples seen and worthy of an advanced collection. This early die state F-101 is fully struck including bold obverse motifs and expected die scratches in the lower gown. Repunching under the 4 digit crossbar is also apparent. Well preserved with choice surfaces covered with a natural coin gray skin. Obverse toning is a bit deeper than on the reverse. 1845 New Orleans strikes become rare in higher circulated grades when CAC approved. The CAC population is 4 in EF45 and 2 at the next grade. There is a lone approved example at the AU55 level. Little else needs to be said as Liberty Seated dime specialists understand this date's rarity. The current CAC price guide value is $2000, which is understated and needs revision. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4587.

1846 F-101 10C, PCGS VF25 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1846 Philadelphia strikes are recognized as being the key date for the With Stars design type. Mintage is only 31,300 with most surviving examples being in lower circulated grades. This date is prohibitively rare in Mint State with two examples known, therefore collectors are left with choice circulated examples as viable options for completing a date and mintmark set. This lot was sold into the Massachusetts project during November 2017 and is now returned. Steely fields are overlaid with a natural coin gray patina with light crusty characteristics. The surfaces are very well preserved and unabraded. A superior example at the certified grade that warrants serious consideration at its reserve. The CAC price guide is presently $2400 as reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4588.

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1847 F-101 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Securing an 1847 Seated dime at the Mint State level requires patience and diligent searching given the low survival rate. Thick, steely-frosted luster compliments the grade rarity for this CAC approved example. The strike is essentially complete with just a touch of weakness at the upper left reverse wreath leaves. F-103, with the top of a misplaced 7 digit to the lower left of the final 7 date punch. Though the CAC census is reported as 31 approved, this date is limited to six total in Mint State with three finer at the MS63 level. One of those, from the Fortin Collection, recently sold for $8765 during its January 2025 auction sale. The CAC $2500 price guide value is understated. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4589.

1848 F-101a 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Brilliant, frosted luster imparts dancing cartwheels atop the original surfaces of this Philadelphia example. A splash of light coffee patina is evident on both sides. All elements are deeply impressed, and this piece nicely reveals the higher relief that often characterizes Liberty Seated coinage in the 1840s. F-101a, with the date sloping downward, and a prominent reverse die crack within the legend at (ST)AT(ES). CAC has approved two coins higher, both at MS65 and one recently crossed into a CACG holder. Apart from the fact that this is the near-finest known example at CAC, one must also consider the absolute rarity, with only 24 CAC-approved coins across all grades. The CAC guide value is $3,600. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Gerry Fortin and Newtown Collections.

1849 F-101 10C, PCGS MS63, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. The 1849 Seated dime issue continues to lack respect similar to the prior 1847 and 1848 Philadelphia date. This example has typical satiny surfaces with a hint of light gold on the obverse. While the obverse exhibits satiny texture, the reverse is frosty with vibrant cartwheels. A full strike is evident with complete head details and bold star center points while the reverse has fully detailed wreath leaves other than a spot at 10:00 which is typical for the F-101 die pairing. Surfaces are essentially blemish free with only one obverse tick by star 3. This auction offering marks the third time that GFRC offers this near-gem specimen. The CAC census is a meager 25 pieces eight finer and a price guide value at $1050. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with Bender Collection pedigree listed on the insert. Ex. Birmingham Collection and first sold August 2017. PCGS #4591.

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1849-O F-101 10C, PCGS AU53, Large O, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1849-O Seated dimes are difficult to locate fully choice in conjunction with attractive eye appeal. This superior F-101 Large O example, previously from the Dr. Tim Cook Collection, warrants serious consideration. Under a bright light, the steely-frosted fields radiate a pleasing reflective glow. This lot has proven to be difficult to photograph due to the uniform golden-gray patina that is denser on the obverse to the underlying luster. The lighter reverse toning appears as light green-gold. The Large O die pairing is notorious for weak head strikes including the surrounding star 7 and 8 as is the case here. A fully choice and visually pleasing lot that would satisfy the selective collector. As reference, the PCGS price guide is $1250. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder. PCGS #4592.

1850 F-107 10C, Lone PCGS MS64+ CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. The 1850 Seated Liberty dime issue is much scarcer in Mint State than one would expect for a mintage of more than 1.9 million coins. This plus-designated example is the lone so certified at PCGS and reached the market via the Heritage Bender Collection Sale during August 2022 where it realized $2100. This example displays well-struck motifs but is slightly soft on some peripheral stars. Russet and olive toning flecks appear in the peripheries, with ivory luster elsewhere. The CAC date census is 42 with only three finer. Astute collectors should seriously consider adding this near-gem to a Seated dime project given the attractive reserve. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4593.

1850-O F-107 10C, PCGS AU53, Medium O, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Perfectly original surfaces host the steely luster that radiates from this New Orleans piece. Autumn brown patina is complemented by russet shades, more so on the reverse. The strike is typical, with rounded stars to the right. F-107, with a downward sloping date and medium-size mintmark. This issue features three different mintmark sizes, an unusual situation within Liberty Seated coinage. PCGS notes 145 coins in all grades, and 11 pieces in Mint State. The PCGS price guide value is $1,250 with few AU graded auction appearances in the last decade. Please ponder that fact for a moment when considering a bid. Freshly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. Ex. Palos Verdes Collection, GFRC Online Auctions, August 2023. PCGS #4594.

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1851 F-108 10C, PCGS MS63, Second 1 Repunched Down, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1851 Philadelphia strikes will be found to be underrated when pursued in the Mint State grades. The grading serves populations remain lower than expected for the recorded mintage of slightly over one million pieces. This MS63 certified example is accurate graded with steely surfaces and old album mottled toning on the obverse. Reverse toning is peripheral gold. Under a bright light, the radiance is thoroughly pleasing. Previously housed in an NGC holder with part of the Gerry Fortin Reference Collection and utilized as F-108 plate coin within The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. The current PCGS price guide value is $1450 with twelve certified at grade and seventeen finer. Now housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4595.

1851-O F-101 10C, PCGS AU55, Original, Massachusetts Collection. The rarity of the 1851-O date at the AU and Mint State levels is finally being understood by the numismatic community. The Liberty Seated Collectors Club and GFRC have been driving forces in raising awareness. This Massachusetts Collection example returns to the GFRC office after two prior price list appearances. A pleasing specimen with deep gray-aquamarine patina on both sides along with reflective fields during bright light inspection. The obverse fields are substantially mirrored with center rose surrounded by a thin blue arc before shifting to gold at the stars. A later die state example with weakly struck head and center devices as the result of ongoing die maintenance. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #4596.

1852 F-106 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Superior visual presentation is enabled by steely fields when inspected under angled lighting. The darker gray patination transitions to uniform gold on both sides. Strike is completely executed and pleasing. Faint obverse field chatter is consistent with the certified grade on a technical basis. F-106, with high relief dies and high downward sloping date. The CAC census stands at 42 in all grades with a price guide value estimate of $550. The eye appeal is compelling and warrants aggressive bidding. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4597.

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1850-O F-101 10C, PCGS AU58, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Knowledgeable collectors will immediately recognize the significance of this Massachusetts Collection offering as 1852 New Orleans strikes are scarce and always popular given the low 430,000 mintage. This lot exhibits brilliant, frosted luster, but more important, a hammered strike as this date is notorious for partial strikes. Fields are essentially unabraded with the slightest of ticks that will not bother even the selective collector. F-101, with a large thin O mintmark. The PCGS population at grade is a scant seven pieces with the last auction appearance dating back to October 2020. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. Ex. Indiana Collection. PCGS #4598.

1853 No Arrows F-101 10C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1853 No Arrows dimes saw a limited production of 95,000. Production of the heavier weight planchet was terminated early during 1853 in favor of a lower silver weight to resolve the silver arbitrage issue facing United States silver coinage. Today, 1853 No Arrows dimes are scarce in all circulated graded with most graded survivors being available in Mint State. This PCGS AU55 certified example offers choice surfaces overlaid with light gray patination and hints of golden hues. The issue typically comes well struck as is the case with this Massachusetts specimen. The CAC census reports 38 approved, but with 50% being certified Mint State. This is the only AU55 example with CAC approval along with three AU58s. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4599.

1853 With Arrows F-117 10C, PCGS MS65, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A colorfully toned 1853 With Arrows lot worthy of its GFRC-Gem quality rating. Rose shades with blues at the margins are noted under a bright light. Steely fields present ample undisturbed reflectance. The strike is complete with partial raised rims. F-117, with die cracks through the left arrow and 1 digit to the rim. A superior example as compared to the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime online reference plate coin. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4603.

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1853-O With Arrows F-105 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Vivid aquamarine-blue patina fills the fields of this CAC-approved piece, with golden highlights present in the stars and legend. F-105, with slight weakness in the date and a die crack above (STA)TES. The strike is similarly soft in the head and bow, typical of the die pairing. Reverse clashing is prominent at (DI)ME. The CAC population across all grades is 28 pieces, with five examples finer. The price guide value currently stands at $2600, a conservative estimate. Bidding competition will be active for this branch Mint condition rarity. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4604.

1854 With Arrows F-101 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A superb 1854 With Arrows dime that warrants a GFRC-Gem quality rating for its well-balanced presentation. A uniform and hammered strike is immediately evident. Bright light assessment reveals frosted luster and the predominance of pastel blues and gold. Wire rims are nearly complete on both sides. Unquestionable originality rounds out the positive attributes. CAC has approved 57 in all grades, which is only 25% of its prior year counterpart. Regardless, the price guide lists $1000 for both dates. A compelling lot that should garner competitive bidding. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4605.

1854-O Unlisted 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Heavy mint bloom and swirling cartwheels erupt upon placing this GFRC-Gem rated dime under a bright light with the cartwheels bringing compelling eye appeal. This lot brings old viewing pleasure and a presentation of a higher grade. Hints of field chatter are noted and the only potential explanation for the certified grade. Unlisted as a variety against those documented in the Liberty Seated Dime online reference. Astute collectors should carefully consider this Massachusetts Collection lot for acquisition. A scarce issue with CAC approval as the census stands at 34 examples with nine finer. A price guide value of $1100 is noted and should be bested given the superior presentation. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4606.

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1855 With Arrows Unlisted 10C, PCGS MS63, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. A superior 1855 With Arrows dime that will please the selective collectors among us. A lot with differentiated eye appeal due to brilliant, frosted luster throughout the obverse and reverse. Deep blue and gold at the margins are a wonderful contrast to the untoned centers. This final With Arrows date is far from common in Mint State grades as compared to its earlier 1853 and 1854 counterparts. The PCGS population report lists the 1855 date as having 20 certified at the MS63 level while the 1853 date brings a robust 129, and 1854 with 42 certified. Once again, 1855 With Arrow dimes in MS63 or better are scarce and deserve recognition as a value proposition. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4607.

1856 Small Date F-111 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Double Die Obverse, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A magnificent heavily frosted 1856 Small Date dime with claims to satiny radiance under a bright. Surfaces appear to be entirely untoned though hints of gold are noted under a bright light. Pristine surfaces provide undisturbed viewing with a 10x. The strike is impressive with elevated wire rims, bold motifs, and only stars 10 and 11 lacking definition, a repeated issue for this date. F-111, an early die state with significant doubling in the shield and gown area above the pendant. Obverse die doubling is evident below the lower edge of the scroll and along the left edge of the shield. The vertical shield lines are doubled right. The 1 and 8 digits are repunched. The price guide indicates $5250 as fair market value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4609.

1856 Large Date F-101 10C, PCGS AU58, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. While 1856 Small Date dimes are common in all grades, the Large Date is available in circulated grades and is challenging in AU grades and rare in Mint State. Only 20 Mint State examples are reported by PCGS with nearly half being MS62. Over the years, I've paid close attention to any high grade 1856 Large Date dime that enters the market. This Massachusetts example was sourced from the cataloger's personal collection with a purchase history dating back to September 4, 1991 Stacks sale as Lot 231 where it was described as a raw Choice BU. Strike is absolutely hammered with deeply impressed devices throughout the obverse and reverse. Under a bright light, the fields are steely frosted with unabraded surfaces and wire rims. Though graded AU58 by PCGS, I still maintain that this is an uncirculated dime employed as the F-101 plate coin for Liberty Seated Dime online die variety reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4610.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1856-O F-107 10C, PCGS MS64, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Mintage for 1856 New Orleans struck dimes is 1,180,000 but like many of the With Stars dates from the southern mint, Mint State survivors are cherished rarities. This Massachusetts Collection Mint State piece was struck from the F-107 die pair rather than the common F-104 repunched date. The F-107 dies are deeply hubbed with die chips surrounding stars 2 through 6 and producing high relief motifs. Contrary to the images, the colorful toning is transparent to the underlying luster. Brilliant, frosted luster and swirling cartwheels radiate under a light source. Toning is a combination of aquamarine, green, rose, blues, and gold shades on this near gem. Sold into our consignor's collection during June 2021 with the record in the Sales Archive. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder.

1856-S F-101 10C, PCGS EF45, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. First year of Liberty Seated dime production at the San Francisco mint with a limited mintage of 70,000 of which most entered California mining town commence. Most survivors will exhibit surface issues including some that become certified by the top grading services; therefore the population reports can be misleading. This wholesome EF45 graded example is undoubtedly original with choice surfaces. Both sides are toned a coin gray with golden highlights at the margins. Greer, in his Liberty Seated Dime guidebook, assigns an R5+ rarity in EF/AU validating the tedious challenge in locating a premium specimen. Though not CAC approved, a GCRC-Choice quality rating is warranted. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4613.

1857 F-110 10C, PCGS MS63, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. An eye appealing 1857 dime with obverse ring toning. An aquamarine-blue arc covers the right obverse with light rose decorating the balance. Light gold is noted on the reverse with a thin aquamarine arc that corresponds to the obverse colors. Under a bright light, both sides radiate brilliant, frosted cartwheel luster. Strike is hammered with no points of weakness. Surfaces are entirely blemish free. A top quality 1857 dime that is conservatively graded and employed as the F-110 plate coin within The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Die Variety Collectors online reference. The PCGS price guide indicates $700 as retail value. Freshly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. Previously sold by GFRC August 2018 and again during June 2020. Please check the Sales Archive for those records. PCGS #4614.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1857-O F-105 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. A premium 1857 New Orleans dime with steely-frosted luster and rich copper-gold patination. The obverse includes peripheral blues that further enhance the eye appeal. A hammered strike is quite pleasing as this issue can be erratically struck. The grading appears conservative given the undisturbed surfaces. F-105, and easily attributed by a large thin O mintmark that is dissimilar to the balance of the reverse dies of that year. Die clashing is incrementally noted on both sides. A moderate population per the CAC census at 53 in all grades with a price guide value pegged at $625 which appears to be conservative. Sold into the Massachusetts Collection during January 2024. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4615.

1858 F-107 10C, PCGS MS63, Doubled Die Obverse, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. A frosty original example of the 1858 F-107 die pairing with subtle die doubling on the lower left obverse shield outline and vertical lines. Most notable is the absolutely hammered strike on both sides. For those who are not intimate with the later With Stars Philadelphia dates, strike non-uniformity is an ongoing issue, especially for this date. This Massachusetts Collection example offers balanced eye appeal driven by steely luster and a deeply impressed definition of the motifs. Fields are unabraded and pleasing. Housed in an original PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder. Ex. Gerry Fortin Reference Collection. PCGS #4616.

1858-O F-101 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1858 dated New Orleans dimes continue to be underrated in Mint State with a limited population. PCGS reports 20 in all Mint State grades while the CAC census is a meager eight. This choice survivor originated from the Birmingham Collection and was added to the Gerry Fortin date and mintmark set in early 2015. Frosty cartwheel luster is crisp and pleasing across obverse and reverse. Strike is hammered and atypical for an 1858-O dime as reverse wreath weakness is commonplace. Essentially unabraded with contact points on Liberty's lower left leg being the only blemishes. Accurately graded with eye appeal and luster of a higher grade. Recently reholdered and housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Gerry Fortin Reference Collection. PCGS #4617.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1858-S F-103 10C, PCGS AU50 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The early San Francisco issues from 1856 through 1859 provide a substantial challenge in AU or better grades. Enter the Massachusetts Collection with a thoroughly pleasing AU50 survivor that dates back to a 2016 acquisition via GFRC and the Birmingham Collection. Fully struck with light wear on the high points and essentially unabraded surfaces. Bright light assessment reveals steely reflectance on both sides. The overall presentation is stunning and provides a compelling acquisition opportunity. F-103, with a downward sloping date and first published November 1992 by Scott Grieb in the Liberty Seated Collectors Club's Gobrecht Journal. The CAC census stands at a meager 26 approved with three finer. The $2850 price guide estimate is understated. Freshly reholdered and housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4618.

1859 F-103 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Misplaced Date, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Bits of light russet patina decorate both sides, while brilliant, frosted luster flows from the underlying silver surfaces. Stars to the left are fully struck up, while stars to the right still retain center points. F-103, with a misplaced 9 in the gown. This lot represents the #46 entry within the Top 100 Liberty Seated dime varieties set, a popular collecting objective for those who have already completed a full date and mintmark set. CAC has approved 57 pieces in all grades and values the coin at $550 in MS62 which understates the die variety premium. Recently reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Gerry Fortin Reference Collection. PCGS #4619.

1859-O F-103 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Medium O, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A beautifully preserved 1859 New Orleans strike with rainbow peripheral toning. Stunning brilliant, frosted luster is most impressive during bright light inspection. Strike is completely executed with high relief reverse wreath leaves being fully impressed. Obverse toning includes all rainbow colors with darker shades at the periphery. A GFRC-Gem rated offering housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. The CAC census reports 35 across all graded with twelve finer. Ex. E. Horatio Morgan Collection from Paramount's Auction '87 session. The Paramount auction insert is included. Ex. Gerry Fortin Reference Collection. PCGS #4620.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1859-S F-101 10C, PCGS VF30, Original, Massachusetts Collection. The 1859 San Francisco dime issue is an ongoing challenge for those attempting a full date and mintmark set. The survival rate in AU is miniscule with only nine across all PCGS AU grades and 15 in EF40/EF45. This example is conservatively graded due to striking issues that plagued this date resulting in partial head and a missing gown line. The complete scroll and rounded lower leg suggest an EF40 grade or better being warranted. Reverse strike is weak with poorly defined wreath leaves. TPG graders with inexperience concerning Liberty Seated dime With Stars striking characteristics could view the poor strike as wear and therefore the VF30 designation. Surfaces are original with uniform light gray-gold patina. This piece is essentially blemish free. Recently reholdered and presently housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder after a GFRC purchase during April 2017. PCGS #4621.

1860-S F-101 10C, PCGS AU58, Near-Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The 1860 San Francisco issue brings the With Stars design type to a close after a final mintage of 140,000. The other two 1860 dated dimes struck in Philadelphia and New Orleans both have the new Legend Type 1 obverse. An unquestionably challenging date in AU, especially at the AU58 level given the PCGS population of only four pieces. This survivor presents soft frosted luster and silver-gray coloration. The strike is essentially complete other than the top of Liberty's head. F-101 with a medium downward sloping date and a DR-0R denticle ruler measurement. The PCGS price guide presents quotes $2000 as fair market value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. Ex. Twin Lakes Collection. PCGS #4622.

1860 F-103 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. This 1860 F-103 lot should be familiar to Seated dime enthusiasts as the plate coin at the Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors. Online reference. Struck with the new Type 1 With Legend design, per Longacre/Paquet, this piece offers superb eye appeal. Thick frosted luster and shimmering cartwheels are readily apparent during bright light inspection. Rose-gold coloring covers most of the obverse along with peripheral toning on the reverse. Fields are entirely unabraded and pleasing. A conservatively graded piece that was purchased from a young Jason Carter during June 1995 when at Heritage Auctions he would screen incoming Seated dimes and send along a care package on approval with a note to JUST BUY THESE NIOW! A surprisingly low CAC approval population of 38 is noted with 22 finer. The CAC price guide is $550. Freshly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Gerry Fortin Reference Collection. PCGS #4631.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1860-O F-101 10C, PCGS VF35 CAC, Key Civil War Era Date, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The August 23 GFRC Online Auctions event is blessed with two exceptional 1860-O dimes, an underrated issue when located fully choice. The Massachusetts specimen is a wholesome VF35 with a thick olive-gray patination on both sides. The surfaces are well preserved and essentially unabraded. The strike has the usual non-uniformity with a weak head and upper left wreath grains. This fact is of no concerns as the surface quality and natural toning are the highlights. Well above average for the issue and worthy of serious consideration. CAC has approved 28 in all grades with four in VF35. The price guide stands at $5750, leaving ample room for collectors to chase this Civil War artifact. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS 4632.

1861 Type 1 Obverse Unlisted 10C, PCGS MS64, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Thick frosted luster is readily apparent on both sides along with vibrant cartwheels as this 1861 Type 1 dime is passed under the office lamp. The mint bloom and light gold toning add up to some serious charm that will be appreciated by savvy collectors of the series. Strike is fully executed. The die pairing is unlisted in the Liberty Seated dime die variety online reference and opportunity to own a personal research piece. Newly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. Ex. Gerry Fortin Reference Collection and last offered October 2021. Please check the Sales Archives of the prior record. PCGS #4633.

1861 Type 2 Obverse F-102 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. One of the plate coins within The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Die Variety Collectors online reference, this 1861 Type 2 dime a is a high-grade example of the F-110 die pairing. Surfaces are fully choice and radiate frosted cartwheel luster on both sides. The overall strike is hammered with sharp rim wires on obverse and reverse. Copper gold patina arcs are seen at the margins though not completely surrounding the rims. The CAC price guide lists $440 as market value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Gerry Fortin Reference Collection. PCGS #4633.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1861-S F-101 10C, NGC AU55, Original, Massachusetts Collection. The new With Legend design was first struck in San Francisco during 1861 with the Type obverse hub per Longacre/Paquet. Experienced Liberty Seated dime collectors understand how challenging this date is to locate in any condition let alone a lightly worn AU. A semi-transparent golden-gray patination is consistent on both sides with moderate steely-frosted luster seen under a bright light. Furthermore, the strong strike is impressive including crisply defined gown line and upper left wreath wheat grains. All wreath details, including the individual veins in the maple and oak leaves, are deeply impressed. Mintage is a low 172,500. Housed in a newer NGC holder with edge view insert. PCGS #4634.

1861-S F-101 10C, PCGS VF30, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. An underrated San Francisco issue with the short-lived Type 1 obverse hub, the 1861-S date is scarce in all lower circulated grades and become very scarce in VF or better. Additionally, this is the toughest S mint date in the 1860's to locate and remains undervalued in grades of EF or better. This Massachusetts Collection example presents light to medium gray surfaces on both sides. Fully choice with nicely detailed motifs which are evenly worn. The Type 1 obverse design wears quickly and has a "mushy" appearance once circulated. An accurately graded lot that is housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4634.

1862 F-109 10C, PCGS MS64, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A fully detailed 1862 Philadelphia issue with steely fields and gray toning shifts to blending rose and blues under a bright light. The strike is bold with sharp wire rims that deserve a shout out. The toning mutes a portion of the luster which probably is the reason for lack of a CAC green bean. A strictly original example. F-109 with medium level date and defect free dies. This obverse die variety was first identified by Dick Osburn during early 2006. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4635.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1862-S F-101 10C, PCGS EF45, Original, Massachusetts Collection. All the Civil War San Francisco dates are challenging with the 1862 issue being at the top of the list. The Massachusetts Collection example is lightly circulated with grays and embedded rose patination over moderately reflective surfaces. There are several toned over obverse lines in the upper right field, below the extended arm and cap. Purchased from GFRC March 2015 and returning for a long overdue second appearance. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS 4636.

1863 F-101a 10C, Lone PCGS MS64+ CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Coinage production fell substantially during the Civil War, as the federal government preferred paper money that effectively acted as a loan toward the war effort. The Philadelphia Mint struck 14,460 dimes this year, and survivors in all grades are desirable. Light gold hues are overlaid on partially mirrored fields with sharp radiance when viewed under a bright light. The strike is fully executed with wire rims noted on both sides. F-101a, with the date sloping downward, and diagonally die polished lines at the upper reverse wreath into (ON)E. This is the only die pair for this year. CAC has approved 22 pieces in all grades, with a single piece at the MS64 level (undoubtedly this lot) with a price guide value of $5250 rises to $5750 in "65". Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4637.

1863-S F-101 10C, PCGS AU58, Original, Massachusetts Collection. A challenging Civil War west coast issue, the 1863-S mintage is reported to be 157,500 with a single die pairing known. A date that is scarce in all circulated grades and becomes difficult in problem free EF-AU. This Massachusetts Collection lot offers nicely frosted surfaces and the corresponding luster when viewed under a bright light. Hints of light gold are also noted. The strike is above average for the date with complete head and (OF AM)ERICA which are often partially struck. Multiple obverse contact marks limit this lot to an Original quality rating. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4638.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1864 F-102a 10C, PCGS MS66, Superb Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A Massachusetts Collection highlight, this 1864 Philadelphia strike is from a mintage of 11,000 as the mint curtail production in favor of newly introduced paper fractional currency. This superb gem is heavily frosted with a continuous layer of mint bloom on both sides. A bold strike with partial wire rims and just touch of weakness at the upper right obverse legend. Surfaces are creamy white with a hint of golden tones. A no question business strike that will be a momentous upgrade for date and mintmark sets under construction. The PCGS price guide lists $7250 as fair market value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #46349.

1864-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS64, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. An exceptional 1864-S near-gem specimen that has been part of the Gerry Fortin core date and mintmark set collection since March 2003 and sold into the Massachusetts Collection circa July 2020. Brilliant frosty luster and swirling cartwheels are thoroughly pleasing during bright light review. Surfaces are toned with uniform light gold. Essentially fully struck with complete head and obverse details. The upper left reverse wheat grains are slightly weak but one cannot be too selective when securing a Civil War San Francisco Mint State specimen at the MS64 grade level. Many have questioned the basis for this dime lacking a CAC green bean given the original surfaces and essentially pristine fields. A wonderful lot that would be a compelling acquisition. Freshly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4640.

1865 F-101a 10C, PCGS MS62, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. By 1865, the Civil War was approaching its long-sought closure for the Union. General Grant appeared to be turning the tide with multiple battle victories. The Philadelphia mint only struck 10,000 dimes that year, probably for local collector demand as paper fractional had replaced silver species. Luckily, this choice survivor was well kept with a crusty gray skin forming on both sides to protect the underlying silver/copper alloy. A rare date with few certified. Strike is hammered with embedded mint frost in the protected areas. Fields are steely and unabraded. F-101a and validated as a business strike due to a repunched date. The PCGS price guide continues to climb for the in-demand Civil War dates with a $4500 number as market value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder. PCGS #4641.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1865-S F-102 10C, PCGS EF40, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. It is well known that Civil War era San Francisco issued dimes are challenging to locate when strictly original. Low mintages and heavy western mining town commerce leaves limited survivors for present day collectors. This Massachusetts Collection example sports natural coin gray patination with embedded gold that is more evident on the reverse. Residual luster is noteworthy and consistent with expectations for strike originality. Interestingly, this piece was sourced from GFRC during November 2014 during our first year of operation and held for over a decade. F-102, with typical partial obverse strike that is synonymous for those struck with the F-101 and F-102 obverse. The PCGS price guide presents stands at $1400 as reference. Housed in new PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4642.

1866 F-102b 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The end of the Civil War arrived without Philadelphia Seated dime mintages recovering until 1868. The 1866 mintage is a tiny 8,000 strikes with circulated survivors being rare as the well-preserved majority are Mint State. The CAC approval census is 25 total with two at certified grade and ten finer. This example is a no question circulation strike with luster that is somewhere between frosted and reflective. The obverse fields exhibit light chatter which is captured in the assigned grade. Freshly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Am important lot for the Liberty Seated Dime specialist sold into the Massachusetts Collection by GFRC when encapsulated in an early generation rattler. The CAC price guide currently lists $$4200 as market value providing a bidding opportunity. PCGS #4643.

1866-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Another major highlight of the Massachusetts Collection, this high-grade Mint State 1866-S dime is noteworthy for both original preservation and grade rarity. Frosty luster is accompanied by light gold toning with the overall presentation being most appealing. Darker "dirt" is seen on the upper reverse while the hairline-free fields easily merit the CAC designation. The strike is all there, with a full head and definition within the bow knot. F-101, with a downward sloping date, a small, weak mintmark, and vertical die crack through Liberty's upper body. CAC has approved only 18 total with two coins at MS64, and two pieces finer. The CAC price guide stands at $12,000 with a check of the GFRC Sales Archives being fortuitous with prior Mint State sales being an accurate value benchmark. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4644.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1867 F-102 10C, PCGS MS63, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The key Philadelphia date within the Liberty Seated dime series as only 6,000 1867 dated dimes were struck from a single die pair that was exclusive to circulation strikes. All 1867 business strikes will be found with an obverse die that is heavily clashed while the reverse shows no clash marks. This Massachusetts specimen is new to GFRC and presents heavily striated fields that might be seen as hairlines by the inexperienced numismatist. Fields are mirrored with sharp reflectance under a bright light with wire rims being well defined on both sides. Peripheral aquamarine-gold is deeper on the reverse. The PCGS price guide is a strong $4600 as premiums for the Civil War issues continue to increase. Accurately grade and housed in a new PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4645.

1867-S F-102 10C, PCGS AU58, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The 1867 San Francisco date is a prize in AU as so few are extant with the PCGS population (AU50 through AU58) limited to 17 examples after over three decades of grading. Only 140,000 were struck with nearly all placed into western frontier mining town commence. Surfaces, on this AU58 example, are choice with lovely satiny cartwheel luster. Light pastel green, gold and teal hues are seen on both sides and abound around sharply struck devices. Freshly reholdered and housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. Ex. GFRC and the Twins Lakes AU58 centric collection. PCGS #4646.

1868 F-112 10C, PCGS MS63, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Your cataloger has seen few 1868 dimes attaining the Mint State grade, and when located, examples are typically struck from the F-112 die pairing with a weakly hubbed date and Liberty's head being partially impressed. The MS65 example, previously in my own Liberty Seated dime collection, also had a partial head. This Massachusetts Collection example deserves special attention for its unquestionably original surfaces that exhibit lightly mirrored fields leading to ample reflectance under a bright light. Otherwise, the motifs are notably frosted. Making a second GFRC appearance after being sold into our long-term client's collection during April 2018. Accurately graded and newly housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025). Fairly reserved for the rarity. PCGS #4647.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1868-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS64, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Glowing satiny luster highlights faint golden patina on both sides, with heavy metal flow lines a result of late die state dies. The strike is perfectly solid with a sharp details in the ribbon. F-101, the only die pair for the issue, without the reverse strike doubling seen in later die states. This San Francisco date sports a mintage of 260,000 and typical of the late 1860s era. A reasonable number of survivors are known with the PCGS price guide listing 10 certified at the offered grade and only five finer. The price guide value is $5,750, Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. This Massachusetts Collection lot is new to GFRC with no past Sales Archive record. PCGS #4648.

1869 F-105a 10C, PCGS MS64, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1869 dimes were struck from two distinctly different date punches: Short Flag 1 and Long Flag 1. Most Mint State examples have been observed to be struck with the Long Flag 1 date punch (F-105a and F-106a) as is the case for this lot. This issue is challenging in all grades and very scarce in Mint State. Our Massachusetts Collection lot was struck from the F-105 die pairing employed for both proof and circulation strikes. As a result, the strike is boldly executed, for a With Legend dime, including a partial wire rim on the obverse. Original surfaces are covered with thick lilac-gray patina along with some ebony highlights. Luster is muted and a bit more prevalent on the reverse. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. Previously from the Newtown Liberty Seated Dimes Collection and acquired July 2019 and subsequently reholdered. PCGS #4649.

1869-S F-102 10C, PCGS MS66, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. This duplicate, from the Gerry Fortin Reference Collection, found a caring home with our Massachusetts client. A superb gem that features a natural skin that is on the "crusty" side. The underlying satiny luster is still able to radiate through the patina during bright light inspection. Surfaces are fully unabraded as is to be expected for a piece that is in the condition census. Strike is 100% complete though "delicate", which is typical for the die pairing. PCGS population is a scant five pieces with only one finer. No MS66 graded 1869-S dimes have been approved at CAC as an additional datapoint. This superb gem is also featured as the primary Coin Facts plate coin. Those wishing to see the comparable PCGS TruView will find a similar presentation as the GFRC images. An important lot that belongs in the most advanced collections under construction. The PCGS price guide value is $10,000 with the last MS66 auction record dating back to September 2014. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #4650.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1870 F-101a 10C, PCGS MS64, Business Strike from Proof Dies, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A gem original example with mirrored fields and frosty devices. Gorgeous multi-color toning on both sides. Reflective luster is crisp with bold cartwheel effects on the reverse. Business strike examples from the proof die pair can be located with patience. Look for a reverse die crack through the left ribbon end and across to the right ribbon end. This reverse crack becomes more evident on another 1870 proof variety for 1870. This reverse also appears again for additional 1871 proof strikes. Freshly reholdered and housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. The fact that this is the F-101a plate coin at The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference adds a compelling reason for strong bidding. PCGS #4651..

1870-S F-101 10C, PCGS AU53, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The 1870-S Liberty Seated dime date ranks near the top of the rarity list when searching for premium choice surfaces. Similar dates are the 1871 through 1874 Carson City dates, and of course, the 1885-S. Mintage for that year was 50,000 with essentially all reaching circulation other than a small Mint State hoard that surfaced in the early 1990s. The Massachusetts Collection example is new to GFRC and fully original with a thin encrusted golden gray patination. The overall strike is better than average with only a touch of weakness in the head. The left-over reverse of 1869-S is heavily eroded at this point leading to weak wreath devices. This lot is compelling for the advanced collector as few are seen this original and problem free. Check the Sales Archive for fair market value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4652.

1871 F-104 10C, PCGS MS64 Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Blast white luster explodes from moderately clashed surfaces while viewed under a bright light. All motifs are fully defined by a hammered strike including partial wire rims. The lack of any toning suggests a dip to achieve the white coloration. This 1871 Philadelphia strike is one from a mintage of 907,710 accomplished with 14 obverse dies and 13 reverse dies with only a single remarriage. The PCGS price guide presently trends at $1000 at the certified grade. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4653.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1871-CC F-101 10C, PCGS VG08 CAC, Rare Carson City Date, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. For collectors attempting to complete a Liberty Seated dime date and mintmark set, this choice 1871-CC lot presents a compelling opportunity and warrants special consideration. Surfaces are unabraded with uniform natural gray patina throughout the obverse and reverse. The are no traces of porosity, a significant issue for most early Carson City dime strikes. The color uniformity is attractive as is the even wear. Mintage is 20,600 with a CAC census that stands at only 15 approved in all grades and a guide value of $9000. This 1871-CC dime was previously sourced from GFRC and the Tenafly Collection which can be validated with a trip to the Sales Archive. Freshly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 holder with CAC approval. Conservative grading and the overall rarity should bring about aggressive bidding. PCGS #4654.

1871-S F-102 10C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Liberty Seated dime coinage in San Francisco continued at low rates until silver production dramatically ramped due to the Coinage Act of 1873, a discontinuation of small denomination coinage and the redemption of fractional currency. The 1871-S issue saw 320,000 made across two sets of dies with the F-102 die combination being an R5 rarity per Fortin. The Massachusetts Collection example is truly impressive with silky frosted luster and vibrant cartwheels, quite notable at the AU grade level. The CAC census notes 25 pieces in all grades with a price guide value at $1200. A can't remember handling a finer example at the offered grade – now it is up to bidders to make this move! F-102, with a high date and weakness in ONE DIME. A few lines in the right field are noted. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4655.

1872 F-102 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Repunched Date, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. The Connoisseur's auction series continues with a gem original 1872 F-102 dime with radiates brilliant frosty luster and huge cartwheel effects under a bright light. Strike is hammered with high relief motifs and wire rims. Actually, this lot is one of the best struck With Legend dimes that I've seen in memory. An underrated date in full gem or better. Previously from the Gerry Fortin Reference Collection with the Massachusetts Collection securing CAC approval via incremental attempt. This is yet another low CAC census date with only 23 approved in all grades and 6 now in CACG holders. At the offered grade, the CAC price guide lists $1700 with a jump to $3750 in "66", Please check the Sales Archive for the GFRC sales record as reference. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with a lovely CAC green bean. PCGS #4656.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1872-CC F-101 10C, PCGS VF25 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Carson City dimes dated 1875 through 1877 are plentiful, but the initial 1871 through 1874 issues from the legendary Old West facility are unquestionably rare. Many survivors will be encountered with granular surfaces or worse, obvious porosity. It is known that the planchet alloy was not to the required 90%:10% Silver: Copper alloy since copper was a scarce metal in the southwest. As a result, the lack of copper enabled a higher probability for rapid corrosion and environmental damage. This choice original stone-gray and aquamarine specimen has pleasing surfaces aside from a single thin mark to the left of the date at the denticles. LIBERTY is sharper than would be expected for the assigned VF25 grade. The current guide number is $6000 but a check of the Sales Archives may be warranted for a second opinion. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Newtown Collection. PCGS #4657**.**

1872-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS62, Original, Massachusetts Collection. The 1872 San Francisco issue is a difficult date to locate in all circulated grades and rare in Mint State condition. Greer assigns an R7- rarity rating in Mint State per his guidebook. The PCGS population report notes 20 in all MInt State grade which surely contains regrades as that number is too high based on experience. This is food for thought when considering this Massachusetts Collection example. Steely-frosted fields are evident on both sides with a grayish-blue coloration and embedded gold at the margins. The overall strike is complete and quite pleasing. Luster is the primary parameter setting the certified grade as the surfaces are essentially unabraded. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4658.

1873 No Arrows, Closed 3 F-101a 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. A well preserved 1873 No Arrows dime with Closed 3 date punch. The distance between the upper and lower "balls "of the 3 digit is minimally spaced leading to complaints that the 3 digit could be easily mistaken for an 8 digit. This matter brought a rework of the date punch resulting in the Open 3 style 3 digit. Steely surfaces are toned a light golden gray and offer brilliant luster during bright light inspection. Housed in first generation PCGS Rattler holder with CAC green bean approval. Previously from the Gerry Fortin Liberty Seated Dime reference collection followed by the Newtown Collection with additional status as the F-101a plate coin at the Definitely Resource for the Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collector online reference. A notable lot with important pedigrees. PCGS #4659.

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1873 No Arrows, Open 3 F-101 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. After researching and selling Liberty Seated dimes going on 35 years, there are notable conclusions. One is that the 1873 No Arrows Open 3 date continues to be underrated for its overall scarcity. It just does not garner an respect and is the Rodney Dangerfield of the dime series. The PCGS and CDN price guides are much too conservative given that only 18 are stickered with four better and the finest MS65 Fortin specimen realizing $13,500 at auction. This F-101 example exhibits thick frosted luster and a complete strike. Light gold patina is evident on both sides. Circular die cracks throughout the wreath exactly match those for the F-101 Liberty Seated dime die variety plate coin. This near-gem example offers old time eye appeal at a fair reserve. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4660.

1873 With Arrows F-112 10C, PCGS MS65, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. This 1873 With Arrows lot is thoroughly wholesome and deserves serious consideration. Thick frosted luster abounds with angled lighting, and the golden toning at the peripheries adds considerable eye appeal. A fully executed strike results in elevated motifs and intricate device details. Surfaces are unabraded. A well balance lot with accurately grading with the lack of a CAC green bean leading to a bit of cataloger head scratching as this is a great pair with the 1872 Philly issue in this auction. F-112 with two arcing die scratches in the lower left and right wreath leaves. As reference, the PCGS price guide stands at $3350 for a certified gem. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4665.

1873-CC With Arrows F-101 10C, PCGS F12 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. An Important numismatic release, the Massachusetts Collection 1873 Carson City dime is unimprovable at its mid-circulated grade. Both sides offer choice surfaces covered with uniform coin gray patination that is as expected for the issue. The lack of abrasions is stunning for a dime that saw substantial circulation in the wild west. There is a small planchet delamination at (U)NITED that adds incremental character. The sole Fine 12 example approved at CAC with eight finer up to AU50 and no MInt State example known with a green bean. The $8250 price guide number appears conservative given the lack of supply versus demand for CAC approved Carson City mint marked coinage across all denominations. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4666.

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1873-S With Arrows F-101 10C, PCGS AU50, Small Thin S, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. An undeniably original 1873-S dime with natural coin gray patination that remains partially transparent to the underlying frosted luster. A progressive die state strike with metal flow lines and some denticle erosion though the device details remain satisfying. Other than a contact mark at (S)TATES, the surfaces are unabraded. F-101 with a small, thin S mintmark. Accurately graded and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4667.

1874 With Arrows F-111 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Prooflike, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. A beautiful 1874 prooflike Seated dime with watery mirrored fields that was sourced from the Gerry Fortin Reference Collection. Yet another Liberty Seated Dime die variety online reference plate coin offering that should garner broad attention and bidding. How many 1874 With Arrows proof like examples have you seen? This F-111 example is quite differentiated while being unquestionably original based on CAC approval. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder since being reholdered from its early Rattler holder by the Massachusetts Collection. Conservative grading and atypical surfaces for an 1874 With Arrows strike with a deserved premium beyond the $775 price guide value. PCGS #4668.

1874-CC With Arrows F-101 10C, PCGS VF25, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Finally, the Massachusetts Collection auction sale arrives at the series headline date. Of course, the 1874-CC date is always one of the first few coins to be inspected when judging the quality of a complete Seated dime collection. This 1874-CC dime will garner attention as the surfaces are choice and entirely free of porosity, an ongoing issue for this date. Natural coin gray coloration is consistent on both sides. There are a few light scattered abrasions on the obverse while the reverse is pristine. GFRC originally acted as a coin show consultant for the placement into the Steven Vitale Collection followed by purchase by the Massachusetts Collection during March 2023 to complete his set. During the Vitale auction sale, this lot realized $21,500 as a current value baseline. All eyes will be watching the bidding for this key date piece and deservedly so! Freshly reholdered into a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4669.

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1874-S F-101 10C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Small Filled S, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Unequivocally original and so close to being a full gem, this 1874-S Massachusetts Collection specimen is new to GFRC and what a joy it is to be cataloging. Light coin gray patination is uniformly draped across both sides with hints of embedded gold. Pristine surfaces are so pleasing during 10x inspection. This F-101, with a small, filled S mintmark, offers superb preservation and would be ideal for a CAC centric circulated Seated dime project. A meager CAC population at 18 approved is yet another reason to aggressively pursue this lot. The $1250 price guide value is understated with prices needing to rise as demand continues to outstrip supply. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4670.

1875 F-121 10C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Chin Whiskers Obverse, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. This superb gem presents evenly distributed Mint frost throughout the obverse and reverse main devices and surrounding fields. Frosty cartwheel luster has a pleasing creamy texture. Strike is complete with the unpolished lathe cutting lines, noted on the lower obverse, which are crisply defined along with the "chin whiskers". Other than a tiny contact mark to the left of the date, surfaces are perfect. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 holder with CAC approval. PCGS has graded only seven at the MS66+ level with six better. A fine numismatic property, previously from the Woodlands Collection, and sold into the Massachusetts Collection June 2021. Please check the Sales Archive on the prior sale if so inclined. PCGS #4672.

1875-CC In Wreath F-109 10C, PCGS MS63, Cracked Obverse, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. This 1875-CC In Wreath F-109 dime brings another important opportunity for Seated Dime die variety specialists. The F-109 die pairing can be easily diagnosed via heavy radial die cracks through the date, legend and Liberty's head. On the reverse, a soft die scratch is visible in the upper left wreath, resembling a jalapeno chili pepper. There is a die defect above D(I)ME. This lot as the distinction of being the plate coin at The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference and ex. Gerry Fortin Reference Collection. A choice example with granular mint frost layered on both sides. A rose center surrounded by olive peripheral toning graces the obverse while the reverse has a semi-transparent faint gold-aquamarine skin. Strike is completely executed other than the upper reverse wheat grains. Freshly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4673.

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1875-CC Below Wreath F-103a 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Brilliant, granular frosted luster imparts active cartwheels to this collectible Carson City piece. Uniform silver patina hosts pleasing rings of russet color at the rims. The overall aesthetic appeal is compelling, and the GRFC-Gem rating is easily warranted. F-103a, with die erosion wearing away the dentils. A diagonal crack runs under the date, while another crack bisects the left C of the mintmark. CAC has approved 46 pieces in all grades. Newly reholdered and housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4674.

1875-S In Wreath F-101 10C, PCGS MS63, Shattered Reverse, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The Massachusetts 1875-S In Wreath lot is notable for die variety specialists. The F-101 listing documents a die pairing with consistent full strikes and a shattered reverse. The reverse die is fatigued and is heavily cracked. The reverse die cracks first appeared during a prior die pairing and become progressive during the F-101 pairing, with degradation continuing and a large, retained cud appearing below the left and right ribbon ends. This choice, MInt State provides an important window into the die steel condition. Under a bright light, both sides are equally frosted with corresponding steely-frosted luster. Though not CAC stickered, this lot is well worth pursuing with a strong bid. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4677. PCGS 4677.

1875-S Below Wreath F-120 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1875 San Francisco dimes are notorious for being weakly struck or minted from badly eroded dies. This well-struck example falls in the severely eroded reverse die category. F-120 with extensive die wear and die cracks are evident throughout the lower wreath and mintmark. The presentation is notable with frosted surfaces that radiate considerable cartwheel luster consistent with the assigned MS64 grade, and then some. Under a bright light, this GFRC-Gem rated dime offers a pleasing glow. CAC has only approved 27 in all grades, a surprisingly low figure given the reported mintage of 9,070,000. A superb offering, previously from the Grey Soldier Collection and sold into the Massachusetts Collection circa early 2018. Sadly, our Grey Soldier consignor was a casualty of the Covid epidemic. A CAC census of 27 total is noted with a CAC price guide listing $625, a bargain in the cataloger's opinion. Freshly reholdered and housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder whit CAC approval. PCGS Gen #4676.

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1876 Type 1 Reverse Unlisted 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. An exceptional unlisted 1876 dime that offers sharp reflectance from prooflike surfaces. The Massachusetts Collection should be proud of this differentiated acquisition for a common Philadelphia date. Rose-gray and golden hues are consistent across the obverse, and less so on the reverse. Bright light viewing is undisturbed as the pristine fields present zero distractions. Partial wire rims are noted on both sides. Assuredly a business strike that is conservatory graded. The CAC census documents 83 examples approved with an estimate of $925 as fair market value. Trust me, the proof like presentation warrants a strong bid as the new owner will be thrilled to take this lot home. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4679.

1876-CC Type 1 Reverse F-103 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Fully struck 1876 Carson City dimes with pristine early die state dies are scarce and short be carefully studied for potential acquisition. This Massachusetts Collection lot is new to GFRC and fits nicely into the overall auction event. Frosted luster is consistent on both sides coupled with light aquamarine-gold noted under a bright light. The motifs are fully detailed while the surfaces are essentially unabraded. This is a premium example worthy of pursuit. F-103 with repunched 1 and significant double doubling on both Es in ONE DIME. Over 100 examples of the date have been CAC approved with a price guide value at $1000. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4680.

1876-S Type 1 Obverse F-108 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Iridescent luster and vibrant cartwheels are immediately noted when inspecting this near-gem 1876-S dime under a bright light. An upper obverse blue crescent transition to gold on the lower half. The reverse presentation is that of the next grade with steely-frosted radiance amplifying rose-gold and thin blue arcs at the margins. The strike is fully executed, and the surfaces are undisturbed. The CAC census is surprisingly low at 36 total given a substantial mintage of over 10 million pieces. The price guide estimates $700 as fair market value. This Massachusetts Collection lot is seen as a premium value at the reserve and warrants bidding consideration. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4681.

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1877 Type 1 Reverse, Unlisted 10C, PCGS MS65+, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Though 1877 Philadelphia dimes were struck to the tune of 7,310,000, full gem examples are quite scarce and underrated. This MS65+ specimen was previously sold into the Massachusetts Collection after a stint in the Fortin reference collection. This date sells for a fraction of its Carson City counterpart but with 4x-5x lower populations. This lovely gem will certainly please the advanced collector. Surfaces are toned aquamarine gold with steely background fields and sharp frosted reflectance. Strike is about as good as it gets for the With Legend design as the motifs are sharp and detailed. This was a new Type 1 Reverse die variety, during GFRC inventory visit, which is not surprising given the high mintage and tedious effort to research this type of date. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4682.

1877-CC Type 2 Reverse, F-123 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A gem 1877 Carson City dime that originated in the Fortin reference collection. Mirrored fields with subtle horizontal die polish line along with frosted surfaces on Liberty and legend. The reverse is more intense with respect to mirrors. Diagonal die polish lines are easily seen with a 10x loupe. Die clashing is also evident within lightly frosty devices. Strike is complete and consistent with that of a proof strike. Rims appear to be raised but difficult to confirm with the old style PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder. A truly memorable specimen as proof like 1877-CC dime are atypical as one does not find 1877 Carson City strikes with perfectly mirrored fields and brilliant reflective luster. Purchased at the January 2009 FUN show and a favorite Fortin collection piece until sold into the Massachusetts Collection. The F-123 plate coin within The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference.

1877-S F-110 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. The entire 2,340,000 mintage for the 1877 San Francisco issue was accomplished with Type 2 reverse hubbed dies as no Type 1 reverses are known. The Massachusetts specimen is of premium nature with light speckled gray and gold toned surfaces while the frosted luster is most compelling as to the originality. Strike is essentially complete, adding to a noteworthy overall presentation. F-110, with an upward sloping date, weakness at the base of the two 77 digits and a small partially filled mintmark. CAC notes three pieces in MS65, two coins in MS66, and a single coin at MS67 with a price guide value at $1500 making the lot's reserve ideal for an incremental bid or two. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4684.

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1878 Type 2 Reverse F-105 10c, PCGS MS64, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Little needs to be written concerning this gem 1878 MS64 dime. One look at the GFRC images should provide all that is needed to appreciate the exceptional eye appeal, frosty luster, and full strike. It is well recognized as the Type 2 Reverse F-105 plate coin at The Definitive Resource for the Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. Previously sold into the Massachusetts collection and now freshly reholdered into a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. A special lot for those constructing an advanced Liberty Seated Dime collection. PCGS #4685.

1878-CC Type 1 Reverse F-101 10C, PCGS MS64, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. The Carson City Mint in the 1870s tended to polish dies, and this is a typical example with partially mirrored fields and reflective luster. Most examples of this variety are similarly finished. A quick tilt of the obverse reveals the characteristic "black and white" look, while the reverse admits occasional shades of beige and russet. F-101, with die lumps in the upper left arm. Some chatter in the right obverse field is noted. PCGS has certified 12 examples in MS64, with 19 pieces finer. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.6 (2002-2004) holder. PCGS #4686.

1879 F-105 10C, PCGS MS66, Prooflike, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. An entirely delicious 1879 dime with proof like reflectance amplifies classic rose-blue and golden toning hues. Wire rims are noted on both sides with a bold strike other than Liberty's head, a constant source of variability for the With Legend design. Entirely worthy of its superb gem certification from an eye appeal and surfaces perspective with the cataloger being surprised by the lack of a CAC green bean. F-105 with repunching on the 1, 8 and 9 digit in the date. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. The House of Davis McKinney pedigree is noted on the label. PCGS #4687.

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1880 F-102a 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A notably attractive 1880 low mintage dime that screams originality with its olive golden-gray patination and darker obverse toning at the periphery. Steely luster is noted from the obverse while the reverse is nicely frosted. A hammered strike, with partial wire rims further adds to the over superb presentation. Your cataloger is truly impressed by this Massachusetts Collection lot with a GFRC-Gem rating being assigned. F-102 with broken 18(80) digits and heavy reverse die rust on the denomination. An available date with CAC approval and price guide value at $850 that is understated for this above average lot. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4688.

1881 F-101a 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. The most challenging of the three low mintage Seated dime dates between 1879 through 1881 and a worthy specimen courtesy of the Massachusetts Collection. Mintage for the issue was a low 24,975 with limited survival rate notably in circulated grades along with Greer considering Mint State examples to be full R5. An atypical survivor with crusty gray patination that also contains rose hues. Fully original coupled with a completely impressed strike, F-101, a business strike from proof dies. Newly reholdered after being sourced from GFRC during June 2017 and subsequently securing a CAC green bean. The current CAC population is only 21 in all grades with a price guide value of $1500. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. An important lot for fans of strict originality. PCGS #4689.

1882 F-110 10C, PCGS MS66, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. The 1882 dime selected by the Massachusetts Collection brings a colorful display and two side surface finish. Under my office lamp, glowing satiny luster is noted on the obverse while the reverse has unquestionable steely surfaces and corresponding luster. If appreciating the eye appeal, per my images, the dime in hand is that much more compelling. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4690.

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1883 Unlisted 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. The Massachusetts1883 Philadelphia strike is a long-ago friend sold into that collection way back in November 2015 and what a pleasure to have an opportunity to update the Sales Archive with fresh images. Brilliant frosted is noted on both sides with the thicker aquamarine-gold patina being semi-transparent on the obverse and fully revealing on the reverse. The reverse cartwheels are stunning at the certified grade. The strike is fully executed with partial wire rims. This lot is conservative graded and worthy of a stretch bid. The CAC price guide lists $625 as fair value but I can see this lot selling at a higher level. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4691.

1884 F-104 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A gorgeous gem with rich satiny cartwheel luster and substantial eye appeal. Coloring is heavy Aegean-blue surrounding inner rose on the obverse and intermixed rose-gold on the reverse. Strike is near complete with just a touch of weakness at the top of Liberty's head. This is typical for the With Legend design hub as fully struck heads are very scarce and prized. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Sourced from the Fortin Reference Collection during September 2020 with a pedigree trail back to a November 2003 NYC Heritage Auction. Incremental credentials include utilization as the 1884 F-104 plate coin within The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. PCGS #4692.

1884-S F-105 10C, PCGS AU58+ CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Fresh to GFRC, this 1884-S lot sports the popular AU58+ certification which is well deserved. Patination is a lightly encrusted center rose with aquamarine-blue at the margins. Under a bright light, the flashy luster is most concentrated at the rims. A nearly completed strike is noted with only a touch of chronic weakness at the head being seen. Other than a few subtle micro-lines by the left shoulder the surfaces are fully pristine. This is yet another one of the Seated dime dates that sports a meager CAC approval rate with a census of 23 in all grades. The CAC AU58 guide is $825 with the (+) premium taking us into the MS61/62 realm with $1200 being my estimate of fair value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4693.

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1885 F-111 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. This 1885 lot is one of the standout highlights of the 1880s Philadelphia strikes within the Massachusetts Collection. Under a bright light, this dime is a creamy luster bomb with hammered strike and partial wire rims. Pristine surfaces round out the accolades. GFRC images are woefully inadequate with illustration of the superb luster and stunning presentation. F-111 with a repunched 5 and die cracks throughout the obverse and reverse as documented by the Fortin Liberty Seated dime attribution guide at www.seateddimevarieties.com. The CAC guide lists $1100 as fair market retail. My advice is for bidders to stretch to the reserve as this lot is worth every penny. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4694.

1885-S F-101 10C, PCGS EF45, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Like the 1870-S date, 1885 San Francisco Seated dime strikes are beyond challenging to locate choice. Nearly all survivors seen, from a mintage of 43,690, will have some type of issue with crusty gray specimens being rare. This Massachusetts Collection example has secured a GFRC-Choice rating for its problem free surfaces overlaid with golden gray patination. Under a bright light, residual frosted luster is note at the margins with orange-gold on the right obverse. Strike is typical for the date with weakness at the head, breasts, and the upper left reverse wheat grains. The PCGS EF45 population at EF45 is currently 8 examples with a price guide value of $4500. This lot is reserved accordingly and should draw substantial attention. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder. PCGS #4695.

1886 F-120 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Rich frosted luster and swirling cartwheels are the hallmarks of this superb gem 1886 dime. A base layer of golden patina is noted on the obverse with incremental rose throughout and a teal-blue arc on the left side which is an extension from the reverse. The teal-blue is prevalent across the reverse with center rose at the denomination. A wonderful strike leads to intricately detailed motifs. F-120 with raised die cracks in the reverse left wreath. A common date with CAC approval and a price guide value that stands at $1100. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4696.

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1886-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1886-S is a scarce and underrated issue in Mint State, yet it is often priced similarly to more obtainable dates such as the 1879 and 1880. The CAC census is only 20 in all grades with nearly all approved being Mint State. This richly frosted and lustrous specimen originated from the Gerry Fortin Reference Collection, and as a duplicate, sold into the Massachusetts Collection during October 2021. An exceptional example as the pristine surfaces are covered with variegated deep rose and steel-blue toning that is somewhat lighter on the reverse. Strike is sharply defined with partial wire rims noted. GFRC images accurately capture the overall coloration but are unable to fully illustrate the bright light radiance and spinning cartwheels. Recently reholdered into its current PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4697.

1887 Unlisted 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Pleasing pastel patination dresses both sides of this late date Philadelphia example, with russet shade at the rims leading toward gold and aquamarine hues in the fields. Brilliant, frosted luster is noted under a bright light. This is a high-mintage year, and varieties are plentiful with limited diagnostics for research and cataloging. This unlisted piece exhibits reverse die cracks that will serve as an aid for additional study. The head is a touch soft, but the controlling factor is the attractive colorful toning and overall eye appeal. CAC has approved 116 pieces in total, with 34 coins at the MS65 level and 27 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is $875. Freshly reholdered and housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4698.

1887-S F-110 10C, PCGS MS64+ CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A superb 1887 San Francisco strike with steely-frosted fields, stunning radiance, and vibrant cartwheels. Surfaces are fully pristine and unquestionably original. A complete strike further enhances the presentation with all devices deeply impressed and in high relief. Accurately graded at the MS64+ level. F-110, with a medium S mintmark and serving as the plate coin within The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Woodlands Collection with prior sale listed in the Sales Archive. Worthy of serious consideration and a strong bid. PCGS #4699.

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1888 F-102 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Intermixed aquamarine, gold, and rose shades are amplified by thick frosted radiance when viewed under a bright light. The overall strike is complete with fully impressed motifs and partial wire rims. The overall presentation is stunning and consistent with the superb gem certification. F-102 with a large blog defect on the reverse corn ear. Surprisingly, this die pair was subsequently polished for proof strikes resulting in a significant loss of reverse details including a partial left ribbon end. This lot is highly recommended by the cataloger for its beauty and die variety significance. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4700.

1888-S Unlisted 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Moderate, steely luster produces swirling cartwheels as this San Francisco piece is rotated under a light. Gray fields hide subtle maroon color in the protected areas of the obverse, while the rims are more intensely shaded with evergreen patina. The reverse reveals blue color behind the wreath, with subtle lilac hues evident at the center. Unlisted in the Fortin web-book, with a level date and thick mintmark that are consistent with Obverse 9 and Reverse D. Tied for finest known at CAC with seven other coins and a single CACG MS66+ finer. The CAC guide value is $6,750, not inexpensive, but still a reasonable value with no finer approved survivors known. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4701.

1889 F-128 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Misplaced Digits in Gown, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. This Massachusetts Collection 1889 Philadelphia issue is fresh to GFRC with multi-color pastel shades. An evenly frosted example with gold, green, orange, and rose intermixed coloration on both sides. The overall presentation is superb and will please fans of well-preserved old time silver species. The strike is also complete. F-128 with a misplaced digit in the gown. The CAC approval tally stands at 81 in all grades with a price guide value at $875. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4702.

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1889-S F-103 10C, PCGS MS65, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Steely-frosted surfaces reveal light, golden patina with copper-gold shades at the rim, while the reverse toning is deeper. Bright light inspection notes a sharp brilliance and vibrant cartwheels. The strike is essentially with all devices, other than the top of Liberty's head, being fully detailed. A condition census offering, from the Massachusetts Collection, with few reaching the marketplace in certified gem. The PCGS price guide indicates $4000 as fair market value with 7 certified at gem and only three finer. A lot that warrants serious consideration. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #4703.

1890 F-109 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Repunched 1, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A stunning 1890 Philadelphia strike with eye appeal well above its certified grade. Iridescent luster is tantalizing when viewed under a bright as are the spinning cartwheels. Golden brown coloration decorates the obverse while center rose and surrounding aquamarine-blues are prevalent on the reverse. Strike with typical for late die With Legend issues with weakness at the upper left reverse wheat grains. Well-hidden chatter in the right obverse field precludes a higher technical grade though the presentation is superior. F-109 with a repunched 1 digit though this example does not show the minute repunching. The CAC guide reports $875 as current market value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4704.

1890-S F-116 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. Steely fields reveal frosted luster that is strong for the technical grade. Smoky patina fills both sides, with light dirt evident in the protected portions of the wreath. F-116, with a downward sloping date and a mintmark placed at the left of the bow knot. Nicely struck, with a defined split in the bow knot and a full head. CAC notes eight pieces in MS65 and only three coins higher, all in MS66. The CAC price guide is $1,600. Previously from the Gerry Fortin reference collection. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4705.

Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale

1891 F-129 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. The Massachusetts Collection auction sale arrives to the final Liberty Seated dime production year. This lot, from the Fortin reference collection, presents rich frosted luster while remaining as the F-129 plate coin within The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. Creamy gold overlays the obverse with tannish gold throughout the reverse. The overall strike is complete. Undoubtedly, a common date with a CAC approval tally of 164 across all grades and a price guide value of $1100. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4706.

1891-O F-103a 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. 1891 New Orleans Seated dime issue was executed on mint presses tuned for striking large amounts of Morgan dollars. As a result, this issue is well struck but with frequent die clashing and radial die cracks. Thia lovely F-103a example is typical of striking conditions with fully executed motifs along with die cracks and clashing throughout the obverse and reverse. This GFRC-Choice rated lot offers original surfaces with aquamarine-rose on both sides. GFRC images amplify the purple blue at the obverse rim so please consider with inspecting the images. From the Massachusetts Collection and freshly reholdered into a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with CAC approval. Additional credentials included being employed as the F-103a plate coin with The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. The CAC price guide is $650 for bidding reference. PCGS #4707.

1891-S F-117 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Medium S, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection. A well balanced 1891 San Francisco lot closes out this memorable GFRC Online Auctions offering of the Massachusetts Liberty Seated Dime Collection with its unquestionable originality and luster. Surfaces are covered with transparent blue-gray patina that allows the underlying steely cartwheel luster to radiate under a light source. Then there is strike. This example is fully struck with bold head and hair curls and reverse wreath devices. The overall eye appeal is further enhanced by swirling cartwheels and pristine surfaces. The CAC census stands at a moderate 50 pieces with a guide value of $1250. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2025) holder with the coveted CAC green bean. PCGS #4708.